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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 1470 (Vargas) would authorize an increase in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wages and benefits by voter initiative to the same extent that wages and benefits may be increased by a Board of Supervisors under the IHSS program.

Current law provides Boards of Supervisors the sole authority to increase IHSS wages and benefits. This allows counties to make IHSS wage and benefit level decisions in the context of fiscal conditions and other government priorities. AB 1470 could have a devastating impact on the County's budget by placing wage and benefit decisions outside of the Board's control.

The Department of Public Social Services recommends that the County oppose AB 1479, and we concur. Opposition to AB 1470 is consistent with existing County policy to oppose legislation that authorizes compensation or benefit changes without approval of the Board of Supervisors. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will oppose this bill.** AB 1470 was introduced on February 21, 2003, and has not been assigned to a committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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